

Legislation 2005-2006

1. SB 122 (Brater) & HB 4609 (Whitmer) – bills would provide for equal compensation for comparable work. The bills are assigned to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor and the House Committee on Employment Relations, Training and Safety. MI Women’s Commission supports.
2. SB 431 & 432 (Scott & Hammerstrom) – bills would provide fairness at the pharmacy by providing insurance coverage for contraceptives. Assigned to the Senate Health Policy Committee. MI Women’s Commission supports.
3. SB 436 (McManus) – “Child Born Out of Wedlock” bill allows for paternity of a child to be challenged by a man outside of a marriage into which the child was born. 4/05, referred to Committee of Families & Human Services.
4. SB 808 (Garcia) – bill would allow victims of domestic violence to terminate a lease agreement. 10/05, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.
5. HB 4446 (D. Roberston) – (SB 307 (Hardiman) - requires that a physician provide a patient with an active ultrasound picture for optional viewing before performing an abortion. *Signed by Governor on 3/26/06 – PA 77 of 2006.*
6. HB 4745 & 4746 (Hummel) – “Health Insurance: Conscientious Refusal to Offer or Provide Health Benefit” bills allow health insurance companies to deny services based on ethical, moral or religious grounds as reflected in its articles of incorporation, bylaws, or by an adopted mission statement. 4/06, passed in House, 5/06, referred to Senate Committee on Insurance.
7. HB 5175 (Bieda) - bill would provide fairness at the pharmacy by providing insurance coverage for contraceptives. Assigned to the House Insurance Committee. MI Women’s Commission supports.
8. HB 5267 (Mortimer) – Joint Custody bill amends the Child Custody Act to give the court authority to order joint custody in the majority of custody disputes between parents. 10/05, referred to House Committee on Family & Children Services.
9. HB 5311 (Stahl) – “Ban Over-the-Counter Sales of ‘Morning After’ Pill” bill would prohibit dispensing of EC except by prescription. 10/05, referred to House Committee on Health Policy.
10. HB 5399 (Condino) – bill would allow second parent adoption. Assigned to House Judiciary Committee. MI Women’s Commission supports.

11. HB 5698 (Vander Veen) & 5701 (Moolenaar) – “Divorce Effects Programs and Parenting Plans” – listed as a “Marriage Preservation” bills. HB 5698 would require parties to complete a divorce effects program and complete a questionnaire. HB 5701 would rename the child Custody Act to Child Parenting Plan or Custody Dispute Act and require parents to file a proposed parenting plan. 6/06, passed in the House, 07/06 referred to Senate Committee on Family & Children Services.

12. HB 5879-HB 5883 and SB 1177-1181 – the so-called “Battered Women Endangerment Bills would change the informed consent requirements to mandate screening for intimidation and coercion. The House package passed the House and is in the Senate Health Policy Committee. MI Women’s Commission opposes.

13. HB 5997 (Baxter) – bill requires that no less than 24 hours before an abortion is performed by a doctor, she must inform the patient that a fetus more than 20 weeks gestation may experience pain during the procedure. 04/06, referred to House Committee on Healthy Policy.

14. SB 1416 & 1417 (Hammerstrom) – bills to require HPV vaccinations for 6th grade girls starting in school year 2007. Passed Senate and is in House Health Policy Committee. MI Women’s Commission supports the concept.

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